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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested. The written description has been editorially amended for improved readability. Claims 1-22 and 30-40 have been cancelled to advance the prosecution of the application, and new claims 41-63 have been added (described below). Claims 23-29 and 41-63 are now pending in the application. The rejections are respectfully submitted to be obviated in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Applicant acknowledges with gratitude the indication that claims 23-29 are allowed, and that dependent claims 6, 7, 17, 18, 37, and 38 contain allowable subject matter. New claims 41-63 have been added to present the allowable subject matter. Independent claim 41 corresponds to claims 1 and 6; independent claim 51 corresponds to claims 12 and 17; and independent claim 61 corresponds to claims 36 and 37. Entry of each of the amendments is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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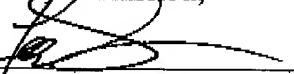
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